

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team
Meeting Notes
February 8, 2006**

Note: The next IWMT meeting (February 22) will be held at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT will continue to meet at this location until further notice.

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) noted that there are fires currently burning in California and Arizona. The occurrence of these fires at this time of year is unusual. The current fire danger at LANL is "very high".

Robert "Bill" Gall (NNSA Emergency Manager) introduced Bill Gentile who will be assuming Bill's responsibilities at the end of February.

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) reported that live fuel moistures in parts of New Mexico are less than 100 percent. At LANL, dead fuel moistures are near 6 percent. Fuel moistures are currently about one-half of those levels that occurred this time of year in 2002, and 2002 was the most severe fire year on record. On February 16, Gene will attend the Santa Fe Zone Board meeting followed by a meeting to evaluate severity needs.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced that all the fire roads at LANL are now passable. Work on the fire breaks on the southern portions of the Lab is also complete. Existing slash piles have been inventoried and are ready for mitigation. Work at the firing sites has also been conducted and three dip tanks have been installed.

Craig Martin (Parks Division, Los Alamos County) reported that 144 slash piles on North Mesa near the horse stables have been burned. Additional work is being conducted in Barrancas Canyon.

Greg Kuyumgian (Santa Fe National Forest) announced that prescribed fires on the forest have been suspended until the conditions are more suitable.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) presented the training schedule for the Santa Fe Zone.

Jeff McCann (NNSA, Los Alamos Area Office) announced that the LANL Site-wide EIS is being prepared for review by DOE Headquarters.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 22, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.